



# *City of Ridgecrest* **Police Department**

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**RONALD N. STRAND, Chief of Police**

## **Press Release**

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** December 13, 2012

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** PC 212.5(a) – Robbery, PC 460(a) – Residential Burglary, PC 496(a) – Possession of Stolen Property, PC 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy to Commit Crime & HS 11364 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

**LOCATION:** Residences in the City of Ridgecrest.

**SUSPECTS:** Shelhart, Cleighton Dean (24 years old) and Lyster, William J. (21 years old).

### **RESUME OF INCIDENT**

On December 13, 2012, the Ridgecrest Police Department received a report of a residential burglary that had just occurred on W. Coral Ave. The victim reported she woke up and encountered a burglar inside her home. The burglar threw an object at the homeowner, injuring the homeowner, and then fled from the home. Officers responded to the location and were able to get a suspect description and a description of the stolen property.

Officers and Detectives from the Ridgecrest Police Department conducted follow-up investigation and located evidence linking Cleighton Shelhart to the burglary. Shelhart was later located during a traffic stop in the company of William Lyster. Most of the reported stolen property was located inside of the vehicle Shelhart and Lyster were stopped in. Both were arrested.

Shelhart was booked at the Kern County Jail and his bail was set at \$202,500. Lyster was booked at the Kern County Jail and his bail was set at \$177,500. The recovered stolen property was returned to the victims.

During the investigation, it was confirmed Shelhart and Lyster were responsible for other residential burglaries in the City of Ridgecrest. If you have any information or believe you're a victim, contact the Ridgecrest Police Department at 499-5100.

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**PREPARED BY:** Sgt. R. Marrone

**Friday, December 14, 2012**